St. Augustine Frame House CE- 1043 St. Augustine Private

The last structure to be built at the four corners of the St. Augustine crossroads broke all previous tradition in what a house should look like. The asymmetrical ell shaped frame house with bay windowed gable ends, fishscale shingles, and corbelled brick chimneys differed greatly from any other building on the four corners of St. Augustine. In actuality, the house is not much of a change from a traditional two story five bay house with symmetrical facade if one mentally removes the projecting western bay with the story bay windows. Other Queen Anne Style houses were much more determined to abandon all links to traditional form and room plan.

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St. Augustine House (Queen Anne Style)

The house at the St. Augustine crossroads dates from after the Publication of the 1877 Cecil Co. Atlas. The primarily L shaped frame house is $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories and is four bays across by one room deep. A central hall provides access to both front rooms. The house rests on a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with narrow weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with composition tile.

The main (west) facade has a projecting cross gabled bay with two story bay window and sloping three sided roof. The main entrance is located in the central bay area with a single story shed porch that protects it and the two bays to the south. The single pane sash on the first floor and double pane sash on the second are framed with plain surrounds with slightly molded caps. The double door has panels below and colored lights in the top panel. Colored lights are also found to light the third floor in the window. The siding also changes at this height to a pointed fishscale shingle.

The north end consists of the gable end of the main block and a single bay of the rear kitchen ell. 2/2 sash light both first and second floor and the peak of the gable end has a stick decoration. The brick chimney stack rises out of the west slope of the main roof and has a corbelled cap.

The south gable end is basically the same with a first floor three sided single story bay window. A single 2/2 sash lights the second floor and the attic. A gable end brick stove stack rises out of this end also.

The kitchen has been slightly remodeled but retains its basic form. A shed porch covers the east end.

The interior has typical fourth quarter of the 19th century woodwork. Four panel doors are framed by molded surrounds as are the windows. A central stair has a heavily turned newel post and flat oval handrail which is supported by turned balusters. The mantels have been removed.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The St. Augustine crossroads has lost all commercial activity as most rural intersections that once supported a blacksmith, store etc. This Queen Anne Style House which doesn't appear on the 1877 Atlas proves the continued importance of this crossroads at least until the turn of the century. This building retains most of its exterior archtiectural qualities with the addition of a few unusual features such as the two bay windows.

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